(d) Of a total of about 10.34 lakh family biogas plants set P, 9.33 lakh were installed through a Central Sector Schcme 'National Project for Biogas Development' launched in 1981-82. Inspection reports received from 21 States/UTs for the period 1S87-88 indicate that on an over-all basis only 14.9 percent cjf the plants inspected are non-functional.

Oil and Natural Gas reserves in Madhya Pradesh

1521. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased ta state:

(a) whether there are substantial oil and natural gas reserves in Madhya Pradesh according to the studies made so far;

(b) if so, what are the estimates: and

(c) which are the States, other than the present oil producing States which have substantial oil and natural gas reserves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PTEROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Tripura and Rajasthan are the other two non oil producing States where substantial gas reserves have been found.

Gas requirement of Maharashtra

1522. SHRI SURESH KALMADT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has requested for the sanctioning of 5.6 million cubic metres of gas for the installation of 900 MW gas turbine;

(b) whether M]s. B.S.E.S; has also requested for the sanctioning of two million cubic metres o: gas per day for the setting up of a power station at Dahanu in Maharashtra;

(c) whether M|s. Tata Electric Company has also requested for the sanctioning of gas for power generation in Maharashtra; and •

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 1.5 MMCMD of gas has been committed in 1987 on a firm basis to M|s. Tata Electric "Company. As the gas available at Urari has already been committed to various consumers, it would not be possible to make additional commitments of gas at present.

उत्तर प्रदेश में अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के व्यक्तियों को पेट्रोल पम्प की एजेंसियों का आवंटन

1523. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 नवम्बर, 1985 से 30 जून, 1988 की अवधि के दौरान इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन द्वारा पेट्रोल पम्प की एजेंसियों के आवंटन के मामले में उत्तर प्रदेश के किन-किन जिलों में अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति के लोगों को प्राथमिकता दी गई है तथा ऐसे व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार उक्त वर्ग के लोगों को डीलरशिप देने की वर्तमान नीति की समीक्षा करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार वर्तमान नीति की प्राप्ति से संतुष्ट है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क)